

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



Applicant : TSAI
 Application No. : 10/076,288
 Filed : February 29, 2002
 Title : METHOD FOR PRODUCING CROSS-LINKED HYALURONIC ACID-PROTEIN BIO-COMPOSITES
 Group Art Unit : 1653
 Examiner : A. Mohamed
 Docket No. : BHT/3111-234

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
 P.O. Box 1450
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136 (a)**

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136 for a **TWO-MONTH** extension of time for responding to the outstanding Office Action of July 2, 2004. The period for response is accordingly hereby extended to expire on **December 2, 2004**, by the filing herewith of a Petition for a two-month extension of time and payment of the required fee, which is still within the six-month statutory period for response.

The required fee as established by 37 CFR §1.17(a), (b), (c) or (d) pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §41(a)(8) is: **\$430.00**. Authorization is hereby given to charge **Deposit Account No. 501874** in the amount of \$430 to cover this fee. **A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.**

The Commissioner is also hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this petition to **Deposit Account No. 501874**.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: December 1, 2004

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